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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Suspects Arrested in Shooting Outside School near Downtown LA

(U) Authorities announced the arrest of a juvenile suspect and an unknown number of “co-conspirators” wanted in connection with a shooting outside Santee High School at approximately 2pm on 2 September that left one student injured. The victim was shot in the leg and taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The school was placed on lockdown while officers conducted a perimeter search for the shooter. An investigation led authorities to the suspects who were detained on multiple charges.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [NBC LA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize More Than \$2 Million Worth of Narcotics and Arrest 25 Fugitives

(U) El Paso – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers at the El Paso area ports of entry confiscated more than \$2 million worth of narcotics in the last week. Authorities seized 83-pounds of cocaine, 7-pounds of fentanyl, 73-pounds of methamphetamine, and 107-pounds of marijuana during multiple investigations over the weekend. In addition to the narcotics interceptions, officers from across the El Paso ports of entry arrested 25 fugitives from justice on charges such as escape, probation violation, tampering with government records, larceny, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and kidnapping. All subjects arrested by CBP officers were turned over to local and federal authorities to face charges.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – American Hacker Mercenaries Face US Charges for Work in UAE

(U) Washington – Three former US intelligence operatives, who went to work as mercenary hackers for the United Arab Emirates, face federal charges of conspiring to violate hacking laws. The three suspects were part of a clandestine unit named Project Raven that helped the United Arab Emirates spy on its enemies. They are being charged with military export restriction violations. Court documents describe how the suspects designed, procured and deployed hacking capabilities over multiple years against victims that allegedly included US citizens.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Reputed Crime Boss Among a Dozen Snared in Labor Racketeering, Extortion Bust

(U) New York City – A number of high-ranking Colombo crime family members, including street boss Andrew "Mush" Russo 87, underboss Benjamin "Benji" Castellazzo, 83, and another 87-year-old underboss, were arrested early Tuesday by the NYPD and FBI in connection with a wide-ranging labor racketeering and extortion fraud scheme, according to prosecutors. The 19-count indictment unsealed Tuesday in Brooklyn Federal Court charges a total of 14 defendants, including 10 members and associates of the Colombo crime family, with multiple schemes in a long-running effort to allegedly

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infiltrate and take control of a Queens-based construction labor union and its affiliated healthcare benefit program. They are also accused of conspiring to commit fraud in connection with workplace safety certifications.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [NBC NY](#)

(U) Florida – Former Professor Charged with Sending Equipment to Iran

(U) Toledo – A former University of Miami professor, his wife and sister are facing federal charges related to purchasing genetic sequencing equipment from US manufacturers and illegally shipping it to Iran. The suspects were charged with conspiring to commit an offense against the United States and conspiring to commit money laundering, as well as several other charges. The family operated a Florida company that received numerous wire transfers from Malaysia, China, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates totaling almost \$3.5 million to purchase genetic sequencing equipment from US manufacturers. The suspects then shipped the equipment to Iran without a license, despite sanctions on Iran.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [New Milford Spectrum](#)

(U) Florida – Authorities Search for Several Haitian Migrants who Came Ashore in Virginia Key

(U) Virginia Key – Authorities detained nearly a dozen migrants after they came ashore in South Florida. The vessel had at least 10 men who made it ashore near near Virginia Key at a Central District Water Treatment plant. US Border Officials took 11 Haitian nationals into custody shortly after landfall. Authorities continue to search for other migrants in the area. The event is the second interdiction in the past two days as expert's advice more landings should be expected given the multiple crises currently affecting those living in Haiti.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [WPLG](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Japan – Japan Warns Citizens of Possible Attack in Southeast Asia

(U) Tokyo – Japan's Foreign Ministry urged its citizens to stay away from religious facilities and crowds in six Southeast Asian nations, warning of a possible attack. The ministry advised that it obtained information that there are "increased risks such as suicide bombings." The warning applies to Japanese citizens in Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Myanmar. The ministry refused to provide the source of the information or advise what was shared with other countries. Advisories were sent to its embassies in the countries concerned to be distributed to Japanese citizens.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Somalia – Nine Killed in Mogadishu Suicide Bombing

(U) Mogadishu – Somali authorities report that nine people, most of them members of Somalia's security forces, were killed in a suspected suicide bombing at a checkpoint in the capital Mogadishu. The bombing took place at a checkpoint frequented by Somali security forces. Six members of the security forces and three civilians were killed, along with 11 others wounded. Al-Shabaab, an al-Qa'ida linked Islamist group, claimed responsibility for the bombing. The group has been fighting to topple Somalia's federal government since 2007 and has carried out waves of attacks.

SOURCE: 14 September 2021, [Dhaka Tribune](#)

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